

## **SECTION 4**

### **IDENTIFICATION OF RESPONSE ACTION GOAL AND OBJECTIVES**

#### **4.1 RESPONSE ACTION GOAL**

The goal of this response action is to reduce the explosive threat posed by UXO that potentially remain at the 323-acre wooded site to an acceptable level. This goal will be achieved by minimizing the public's exposure to the UXO.

#### **4.2 RESPONSE ACTION OBJECTIVES**

4.2.1 A number of factors must be considered when establishing specific objectives for a response action. The objectives must be able to meet the requirements set forth in the ARARs, while still being realistic and achievable in terms of cost. To attain the goal of reducing the explosive threat posed by the potential for UXO remaining at the 323-acre wooded site to an acceptable level, the objectives identified must be effective, implementable, and economical. The criteria of effectiveness, implementability, and cost will be used to evaluate the potential response actions for the site in accordance with the protocols established in the NCP.

4.2.2 The objectives established for this response action will guide the development of the alternatives and provide focus to the comparison of acceptable response action alternatives. These objectives will also assist in clarifying the goal of minimizing the explosive risk and achieving an acceptable level of protection to the public and environment. These objectives include:

- ?? identify the degree and extent of OE contamination;
- ?? evaluate the effectiveness of various response alternatives;
- ?? determine the ability to implement various response alternatives; and
- ?? determine the cost to implement the various response alternatives.

### **4.3 STATUTORY LIMITS**

Statutory limits exist for responding to releases under Section 104 of CERCLA. These limits set a \$2 million ceiling on Superfund-financed response actions and a twelve-month time limit on implementing those response actions. However, these limits do not apply to response actions authorized under CERCLA Section 104(b) that are not financed by Superfund. As a result, the response action being examined in this EE/CA for the 323-acre wooded site does not have any statutory fiscal or timeframe limitations set by CERCLA. However, there are funding limitations for the project based on the budget available in the Defense Environmental Restoration Program (DERP) and on the large number of UXO-contaminated sites located throughout the country that must compete for these funds based on a “worst-first” funding criteria.

### **4.4 SCHEDULE**

The proposed response action for the 323-acre wooded site is currently not scheduled but could begin in fiscal year 2000.